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ETHIOPIA

COMMAND CALLS ON SOMALI SOLDIERS TO SURRENDER

ID091238Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 8 Feb 78 ID/EA

[Text] Here is a message addressed by the National Revolutionary Operational Command today to the invading Somali troops:

Oppressed Somali soldier! Think, examine, question, and understand in depth the identity and nature of your rulers and leaders. This handful of tribally elected individuals, who yesterday deceived you by proclaiming socialism, have today loaded you with burdens and exposed you to massacre for their own private interests and reputations. Examine the environment your aggressive rulers have created for you, inasmuch as the oppressed peoples of Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti have aimed their guns at you to safeguard their existence. Today, only the Indian Ocean is not your enemy.

Because of the aggressive nature of your rulers, your dear motherland has been left exposed in the progressive world, condemned by the OAU because their rule and political system has fallen apart. Your rulers have invaded a revolutionary country to realize a dream of greatness. They declared a reactionary war to cause fighting between two oppressed peoples. They caused a breach of the peace in the Horn of Africa and they violated the OAU charter.

Oppressed soldiers! Observe that neither enmity nor contradiction exist among the world's oppressed peoples. There exists, however, an antagonistic contradiction between Somalia's oppressed classes and ruling classes, and it is to obfuscate this contradiction that you are told today of lost territory which you did not actually lose and for which you are being exposed to massacres.

Do the oppressed Somali people actually have any territory occupied by Ethiopia? Are all Amharic-speaking Moslems in fact Somalis? Does a country's area determine its greatness? We leave it to our oppressed Somali brothers to answer these questions.

Your rulers have promoted the production of corpses in preference to agricultural and industrial production. They have promoted poverty, destitution, starvation, disease and illiteracy in preference to progress and prosperity. What has happened is that you have been divested of your economic, political and social freedom by dictator Siad Barre, not of territory. You were exploited when your motherland was a colony of Italy and Great Britain. You are being consistently exploited and made subject to exploitation today by your fascist brothers. You have remained destitute. Except for the flag, what clear new phenomenon have you seen since the end of your colonial period?

Consider for a moment your family, whom you left behind without a breadwinner. They are starving now. What does freedom mean if you are struck by a bullet and your family by starvation? Which is your duty as a human being, to be killed in a search for imaginary lost territory or to free your family from hunger, destitution and disease?

Our aim is clear. We want peace, justice, freedom, equality, nonalinement, inviolate and undivided national dignity and territorial unity and noninterference in internal affairs. Accordingly, we do not need what belongs to others, and we will not give up what belongs to us. On this basis we are prepared to fight to the last man. On the other hand, we will love those who understand our aspirations and befriend us, as we love our independence and revolution.

We call on you, oppressed Somali soldier, to understand this clear standpoint of ours. You and your rulers have invaded us--we have not invaded you. You have occupied our territory--we have not occupied yours. Considering that these are the facts, we have been patient. But as of today our patience is exhausted. You and your rulers must therefore take your reactionary hand away from the revolutionary hand, and do not forget that a reactionary war will be defeated by a revolutionary war.

We will mount a fierce counteroffensive to safeguard our country's existence and to defend our revolution against reversal. The aim of this defensive counteroffensive is not to massacre the oppressed Somali people. Accordingly, we direct this peace call to you instead of a bullet. Respond to it, for if our legal existence is not lawfully recognized, we will impose this recognition by means of a revolutionary war.

We are sure we will win. Surrender peacefully to the Ethiopian regular and militia forces at the front before you suffer heavy casualties. Take this chance to avoid death from bullets. As Ethiopia is always peace-loving, it will accept you.

The reactionary Siad Barre regime will be crushed by the arms of the oppressed people of Ethiopia and Somalia. The oppressed will ally themselves with the oppressed for class struggle, not for holy war. There is no contradiction between oppressed classes.

Oppressed Somali people! Rise against your class enemy!

MINISTRY: EGYPT GIVES WEAPONS, TROOPS TO SOMALIA

LD091410Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1130 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Ethiopian Foreign Ministry today said that Egypt has already given weapons to Somalia to enable the latter to continue its war of invasion against revolutionary Ethiopia. Its latest decision to send troops to Somalia threatens not only Ethiopia but also Africa and the rest of the world.

The Foreign Ministry stated that Egyptian President Anwar as-Sadat had already sent weapons and troops to the invading Somali Government and it was not going to send additional troops and weapons. The Foreign Ministry pointed out that this had been revealed in Washington, adding that this action on the part of Egypt was astonishing and clearly indicative of As-Sadat's intentions.

The same As-Sadat, who says he is trying to find a peaceful solution to the Middle East situation and that Israel must withdraw from the territories it occupies, is now found collaborating with the Somali ruling classes who are waging an aggressive war on Ethiopia. The statement says: This is indicative of As-Sadat's contradictory policy and of the fact that he is doing what a national leader is expected not to do. The Foreign Ministry statement says: Egypt's participation in the aggressive war of invasion being waged by Somalia against Ethiopia confirms As-Sadat's violation of the OAU and UN principles and charters and of the principle that one must not violate the border of another by force. So long as he collaborates with Somalia in its open war of aggression, As-Sadat cannot demand that his own occupied land be freed.

The Foreign Ministry calls on black Africans to realize that Somalia is bringing to realization the expansionist ambition of reactionary Arabs in the center of Africa. The peoples of Africa and the world community who follow the correct line, which is that Arab land occupied by force must be freed, will not remain indifferent to As-Sadat's shameful and self-contradictory attitude toward the invasion being mounted against Ethiopia.

Noting that As-Sadat has been seen to have made a mistake, not only because he failed to find a solution to the Middle East problem but also because he irresponsibly caused damage, as we could see from his recent deeds, the statement asked how he could demand the withdrawal of a force occupying his territory while at the same time fighting alongside the invading Somali troops against Ethiopia.

Noting that although the Egyptian leader had tried to play a secret role, the statement said that he was, in effect, openly involved in and had openly assisted the invasion launched against Ethiopia, yet he was demanding that Israel withdraw from the territory it had occupied for so long. The Foreign Ministry statement pointed out that Ethiopia, in keeping with its consistent policy line and consistent with the policy pursued by other African countries, had repeatedly urged Israel's unconditional withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories.

The statement called on the world in general and Africa in particular to condemn this recent shameful threat levelled against the African continent.

Referring to other statements by the Egyptian leader, the Foreign Ministry statement said that As-Sadat's remark that the Ethiopian revolution could be linked with Sudan's was a worthless remark that reflected an attempt by As-Sadat to act as the Sudanese people's custodian. This was not his concern and such action was not needed from one who had rebelled against the key interests of the broad Egyptian masses.

The Ethiopian and Sudanese peoples enjoyed long-standing, close, friendly and good neighborly relations. Recently, the two countries reached an agreement through the good offices of the OAU's mediation committee to iron out their differences, and they were now implementing that agreement, the statement said.

Concluding, the Foreign Ministry statement said that all this indicated that As-Sadat had openly provoked the OAU.

ADDIS COMMENTS ON DAYAN'S STATEMENT ON ASSISTANCE

LD091959Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1900 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today described as dramatic and emotional the remarks by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to the effect that Israel is supplying arms to Ethiopia.

The spokesman added that, examined carefully, the news report on this statement could be seen as obviously being aimed at creating political controversy.

Further Comment

LD101206Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in English 1015 GMT 10 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has described the statement attributed to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan regarding what was referred to as Israeli sale of arms to Ethiopia as sensational and stage-managed. When pressed further, the spokesman declared that a simple business deal made on a commercial basis has been blown out of all proportion to serve as a deliberate act of political blackmail.

Elaborating further, the spokesman of the ministry said Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's statement is nothing but a deliberate act designed to isolate Ethiopia from the revolutionary and progressive Arab world with which it identifies and a crude and sinister attempt to drive a wedge between Ethiopia and the socialist world.

FELEKE CONGRATULATES NEW DJIBOUTI PREMIER

LD091550Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in English 1015 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] Dr Feleke Gedle-Giorgis, foreign minister of socialist Ethiopia, has extended warm congratulations to Mr Abdallah Mohammed Kamil on his appointment as prime minister of the Republic of Djibouti. Mr Kamil is also minister of foreign affairs and minister of defense.

In his message to the new prime minister of Djibouti, Dr Feleke said he is convinced that, with Mr Kamil as head of the government, the long-standing friendship and cooperation which happily exists between the peoples and governments of the two countries will be further strengthened.

Dr Feleke also assured full cooperation to Mr Kamil in all the efforts he will be making for peace, stability and understanding in Africa in general and in the Horn of Africa in particular.

REPORTS ON MEASURES TOWARD COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES

Search Finds Leaders

LD091226Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 0500 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] Searchers in (Jaldu) and (Gindaberet) subdistricts, Jibat and Mecha District, are forging ahead and winning victories. During a search operation in (Gurambiti) in (Jaldu) Subdistrict, farmers captured a leading counterrevolutionary, Faissa Kebede, and three other counterrevolutionaries and wounded another. Bandit leader Leta Abebe and six of his associates also surrendered with their weapons.

Farmers of the (Gindeberet) Subdistrict killed two counterrevolutionaries, Tolossa Gedai and Dedefa Wacho, wounded Kebede Zeleke and captured one carbine with 45 rounds of ammunition.

In their search, farmers of (Guntegala) in (Gibdeberet) Subdistrict seized 68 assorted weapons, including one Thompson, three M-1's and one carbine.

In (Katite), (Gindeberet) Subdistrict, searchers applied revolutionary measures against 15 individuals found collaborating with bandits.

EPRP Members Receive Amnesty

LD091235Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Summary] A spokesman of the Shawa Regional Administrative Office yesterday reported that at a meeting of 5,000 people of the (Agana) Ejana Walene Subdistrict, Shawa Region, 200 Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Party members confessed and were amnestied.

FARMERS RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITY IN HARARGE

LD092012Y Addis Ababa in English to Neighboring Countries 1730 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] Hundreds of farmers in Hararge Region who were displaced by invading Somali troops are now rejoining the revolutionary camp and resuming normal life. Having realized the bankruptcy of the policy pursued by the reactionary Mogadiscio regime, the returnees are now fighting alongside the Ethiopian regular and militia forces to repel and rout Somali invaders.

KENYA

NAIROBI: KENYA, UGANDA TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS

LD091626Y Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1400 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] Kenya and Uganda are to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level. The decision was taken at a meeting of the ministers from Uganda and Kenya in Kampala yesterday.

According to an official statement from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, other important decisions taken at the meeting included the establishment of several committees to examine outstanding matters and report to a further meeting to be held in Nairobi next month. The meeting also discussed matters pertaining to communications, transport and trade.

President Amin, who gave a keynote address to the meeting, stressed the importance of peace, not only between the two sister countries but also throughout Africa and the world at large.

The Kenyan delegation was led by the minister for foreign affairs, Dr Munyua Waiyaki, who hailed the meeting as the means of strengthening the close and cordial relations between the two countries. Other members of the Kenyan delegation included the attorney general, Mr Charles Njonjo; the minister for commerce and industry, Mr Eliud Mwamunga; the minister for power and communications, Mr Daniel Mutinda; the minister for community affairs, Dr Robert Ouko; the assistant minister for foreign affairs, Mr Peter Muigai Kenyatta; and the head of the civil service, Mr Kariithi.

SOMALIA

MOGADISCIO MOBILIZES ITS PEOPLE FOR DEFENSE

LD091348Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Swahili 1530 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] Challe Dr Abdi Kassim Salad, Somali minister of information and national guidance, declared today that the Somali people will successfully counter any invasion mounted by allied Russian and Cuban forces.

Speaking at a press conference at his ministry this morning, the minister said that while the enemy is dreaming of capturing Somali territory, the Somali people are prepared to sacrifice their lives for every inch of their country. Challe Abdi Kassim Salad said the Somali Democratic Republic has mobilized its people and resources to prepare for the defense of its sovereignty and dignity, and stressed that Somalia is not alone but has friends who will support it in its just path of freedom and [word indistinct].

Somalia wishes to draw the world community's attention to the naked aggression being committed in the Horn of Africa by Russia and its stooges, the minister said. The Somali Government has sent a complaint to the OAU secretary general and to the current chairman of the OAU, briefing them on the aggression perpetrated by Russia in intervening in the internal affairs of the African continent, especially in the Horn of Africa.

The minister told the local and foreign newsmen that Somalia was prepared to take any steps that would help to bring about peace in the Horn of Africa, but would never accept the maneuvers being undertaken to threaten the security of the Somali nation and its nationalities.

The minister said that peace in the Horn of Africa would not be achieved if the Western countries remain silent and stood idly by watching Russia, which leads the puppet regime in Addis Ababa, carry out its plans in the present situation in the Horn of Africa.

The minister went on to say that in order to effect an immediate solution, the Western nations should strive to effect a balance of power comparable to that of the Soviet Union in that part [sentence as heard]. It was only in this way that peace would immediately be achieved in the Horn of Africa.

The minister said that peace in the Horn of Africa depended on the recognition of the right of the western Somalis and the Somali-Abo to determine their own affairs and their destiny. This was the shortcut to an immediate solution of the dangerous issue facing the Horn of Africa.

The minister reiterated that Somalia had honored and would continue to honor its pledge to support the liberation movements fighting for the independence of their respective countries, which are being ruled by colonialists--that is, western Somalia, Abo [as heard] and Eritrea--until their complete liberation from the Abyssinian regime.

AFP: General Callup Planned

PA091316Y Paris AFP in English 1311 GMT 9 Feb 78 PA

[Text] Mogadiscio, Feb 9 (AFP)--Somalia has put its armed forces on alert and decided on a general call-up which it warned today could [word indistinct] its intervention in the Ogaden conflict.

Information Minister Abdi Kassim Salad said direct Somali engagement in the conflict could not be excluded. "General mobilisation has been decided and will come very soon. The armed forces are on alert and the civilian population has been called to defend the country."

The minister called on the West to take a "firm position in the face of the Soviet-Cuban presence as the only way of convincing the Soviet Union" that it could not impose peace on its own terms and force it to negotiate.

"If the West does not intervene, Somalia cannot resist and the Soviet Union will dictate its policy in the whole region," the minister said, adding that Mogadiscio had not received any military aid--arms or men--but was ready to accept them from all friendly countries.

Earlier, Mr Kassim Salad said Soviet and Cuban forces were behind the invasion plan for north Somalia because Ethiopia was "incapable of standing up to the Somali liberation forces without help from foreign troops."

Criticising Israel for its aid to Ethiopia, the minister said: "If the enemy wants to conquer Somalia it should know that the Somalis will sacrifice themselves to the last man to protect their lands and will mobilise all their resources to defend their sovereignty."

Mr Kassim Salad again appealed to the Western countries, adding that only the West could stand up to Soviet hegemony and act as a counterweight in the region.

The minister reaffirmed that only recognition (by Ethiopia) of the western Somalia's peoples' right to self-determination could lead to a peaceful solution of the conflict on the Horn of Africa.

COMMENTARY REVIEWS ETHIOPIAN COUNTEROFFENSIVE

LD092010Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1700 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Abdullahi Sheikh Hussein Commentary]

[Excerpts] The Abyssinian, Cuban and Russian forces have suffered a crushing defeat in their offensive against the Western Somalia Liberation Front [WSLF]. Tonight's commentary, by Abdullahi Sheikh Hussein, is on this issue:

One of the things that the Abyssinians are saying to please themselves is that they have defeated the freedom fighters and recaptured the liberated lands. There is no need for us to pass comment on such claims, since they are merely wishful thinking that will never be fulfilled.

The Abyssinian colonialists appealed to Russia and Cuba for help after they had suffered humiliating losses, both of men and material, at the hands of the liberation fronts fighting them in their unjust war. The Russians and Cubans came after the Abyssinians had acceded to the demand that they surrender their sovereignty to the Russians and their stooges.

A Somali proverb goes as follows: The coward always carries several sticks. Thus, the Addis Ababa regime has brought to its side Russian, Cuban, Israeli and other troops. These foreign forces, ignorant of the Somali nature, launched a (?major) offensive against western Somalia. However, they came across something they never expected.

The Russians and Cubans regretted the day they were born and (words indistinct). The Russians and Cubans have learned their lesson. The WSLF has taught them that western Somalia is no easy stamping ground.

When they learned that they were fighting against white forces, the gallant freedom fighters launched an offensive which led to the defeat and crushing of the enemy attack. The Russians and Cubans [words indistinct].

Reports reaching us from the front indicate that the Russian and Cuban soldiers are even bigger cowards than the Abyssinians: They like to kill, but they do not want to get killed themselves.

The Russians, from that terribly cold land of Siberia, and the [word indistinct] up from Havana, cannot face or fight the valiant fighters of the Abo and Eritrean fronts, who have lost their tempers.

The Addis Ababa regime believes that foreign mercenaries can reverse the defeat suffered by the Abyssinian colonialists, but the fact of the matter is that the Russians and Cubans have failed miserably. There is not one piece of land that the Russians and Cubans have retaken from the freedom fighters.

Using the weapons abandoned by the fleeing Russians and Cubans, the freedom fighters are preparing to launch a final and decisive offensive against the colonialists in order to regain their country. The struggle continues and will never end as long as one inch of western Somalia, Abo or Eritrea remains in the hands of the Abyssinian colonialists.

The war will never end as long as the Russians, Cubans and other stooges are in the lands belonging to the freedom fighters. The war will not end and there will be no peace in the Horn of Africa until the last colonialist Abyssinian soldiers leave western Somalia, Somali-Abo and Eritrea. No one can deny the freedom fighters their victory. The freedom fighters are confident that neither Russia nor Cuba can prevent them from liberating the tiny pockets of their countries that remain enslaved.

UGANDA

AMIN WARNS EMBASSIES NOT TO EMPLOY WANTED EXILES

LD091348Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 0400 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] Life President Amin has issued a stern warning to all the staff in our missions abroad to guard against recruiting Ugandan exiles abroad who are actually wanted in Uganda as criminals to work in our missions and pass information from these missions to their imperialist masters. Dr Amin issued the warning when he met Uganda's high commissioner to Canada, Mr Lamech Akongo, at Nile Mansion.

Addressing himself to the high commissioner, Field Marshal Amin observed that some Ugandan exiles, who pose as religious leaders in Canada, go as far as confusing some embassy staff in order to damage Uganda's good name abroad. Al-Hajj Amin said any responsible member of staff in our embassies and high commissions must strictly guard against such malicious exercise.

Dr Amin informed Mr Akongo that this group of exiles, who pose as religious leaders in Canada, are suffering from financial ulcers and are there to rob money from the churches of Canada by preaching chaos and bloodshed. Field Marshal Amin said the people of Uganda are not worried even if they damage Uganda's good name, because, he said, Uganda is forging ahead and is growing stronger and stronger.

Dr Amin also informed Mr Akongo that it is the same group who smuggled arms into Uganda in 1976 in order to cause bloodshed in Uganda and are the people who are now spreading rumors in America, Canada, Europe and Britain. He pointed out that it is the same gang which caused chaos in Congo, Brazzaville.

Al-Hajj Amin said he wants good relations with Canada. He said there is freedom of worship in Uganda and that people are living together in peace.

Field Marshal Amin said despite Uganda's geographical position, we are economically strong. He advised the high commissioner to give correct information about Uganda and to inform Canada that Uganda is a peace-loving country.

AMIN TELLS ARAB STATES TO FORGET DIFFERENCES

LD091146Y Kampala Domestic Service in English 0400 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Excerpts] Life President Amin has called on the Arab world and the Middle East to forget their differences and quarrels and embark on peace and reconciliation, because the year 1978 is not a year of war and destruction but a year of peace among all nations of the world. Dr Amin made the call when he met at Nile Mansion Uganda's ambassador to Egypt, Lt Col Jack Bunyen Yezi.

He said that, as a leader committed to the cause of Africa and the Middle East, including the Afro-Arab solidarity and the Arab League, he should always officially be briefed by the headquarters of the Arab League if there is any quarrel in that area. This, he pointed out, will enable him to know the latest developments in the Middle East.

He said that he considers the Arabs as his true brothers and in that respect he is keen and interested in knowing any situation cropping up there. Dr Amin advised them to live in peace and harmony, because, he said, war hinders progress in any part of the world. He wished the Arabs God's blessing.

Field Marshal Amin also paid special tribute to President as-Sadat for giving Uganda technical assistance in the fields of medicine, technology, engineering, agriculture and providing us with teachers and lectures in our university and other institutions of higher learning.

CHAD

REBEL GROUP POSTPONES EXECUTION OF FRENCHMAN

OW091906Y Hong Kong AFP in English 1849 GMT 9 Feb 78 OW

[Excerpt] Lagos, Feb 9 (AFP)--Chadian rebels today postponed their deadline for executing a 19-year-old French hostage, thus opening the way for negotiations with an intermediary. A messenger who delivered details of the postponement of Sunday's deadline for executing Christian Masse of the AFP bureau here disclosed that FROLINAT leader Aboubakar Mahamat Abdramane was currently outside Nigeria making attempts to get in touch with a third party.

The new ultimatum for France to meet conditions set for Mr Masse's release put the deadline at midday February 20, the date originally set for fellow-hostage Andre Kummerling of Switzerland for whom a sizeable ransom has been demanded. The men were captured on Jan 18. In exchange for the release of Mr Masse, France has been told to withdraw its forces from Chad, arrange for the release from a Chadian prison of FROLINAT official Adoum-Adam Moustapha, and payment of a ransom, partly in non-lethal military equipment.

Diplomatic sources here said that the Nigerian Government was treating the matter at highest level, and the French, Swiss and Chad ambassadors have remained in close contact with the Nigerian authorities.

The official French line appears to be to accept the northern FROLINAT's classification of Mr Abdramane as a freebooting brigand and cattle thief, but close study of recorded conversations with the western FROLINAT leader suggests that he has clear political ambitions. He gave the impression that neither the ransom nor, for that matter, the life of Christian Masse were significant compared to the long-term aim of overthrowing the Ndjamena government.

REBEL LEADER HABRE PRAISES NUMAYRI INITIATIVE

LD091648Y Omdurman Domestic Service in Arabic 1300 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Summary] In a statement to the SUDAN NEWS AGENCY, Mr Hissene Habre, formerly one of the leaders of the oppsoition in Chad, has praised President Numayri's initiative for the sake of national unity and the unity of the sons of (?Chad). He said that ties of blood and history (?bind) the Sudanese and Chadian peoples and it is this which facilitates the accomplishment of a satisfactory solution following President Numayri's initiative.

NIGER

PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE RECEIVES AL-QADHDHAFI MESSAGE

LD091516Y Tripoli JANA in English 1435 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD

[Text] Niamey, February 9, JANA--President of Niger, Seyni Kountche, met Mohammed al-Bokhari, the Jamahiriyah ambassador to Niger, last night. The ambassador delivered a message from Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi to President Kountche about the decision of Chad to freeze political relations with the Jamahiriyah. President Kountche expressed disappointment with the Chad attitude towards the Jamahiriyah at a time when the Jamahiriyah responded positively to the mediation efforts of Niger and even sent her foreign secretary to Niamey to attend the meetings.

BENIN

HAVANA: PRESIDENT KEREKOU SENDS MESSAGE TO NETO

FL092120Y Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1912 GMT 9 Feb 78 FL

[Text] Mathieu Kerekou, president of the Peoples Republic of Benin, has sent greetings to Angolan President Agostinho Neto on the occasion of the 17th anniversary of the Angolan people's armed struggle against the Portuguese colonial forces. In the message sent by Benin's president to Agostinho Neto, he expresses the certainty that the MPLA Labor Party will achieve new victories over the colonial forces, neocolonialism, racism and apartheid.

The people of Benin and the Benin Peoples Revolutionary Party resolutely support Angola's efforts to consolidate the unity of the African continent's peoples, the message points out. The relations of brotherhood and cooperation between the Peoples Republic of Benin and Angola, Kerekou stresses, will continue.

GHANA

UK OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON RHODESIA, MUTUAL RELATIONS

LD091418Y Accra GNA in English 1215 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD

[Text] Accra, Feb 9, GNA--Mr Ted Rowlands, British minister of state for foreign and commonwealth affairs, said yesterday Britain is willing to see Zimbabwe through the transition period to independence.

Mr Rowlands described it as "a major responsibility of Britain" because they want to see a solution once and for all.

In a luncheon speech, the visiting British minister said the British Government would like to see the majority of Africans free, adding it did not subscribe to the idea of young Africans engaging themselves in a guerrilla warfare for their freedom.

He said developing countries were expecting modern Britain to respond to their needs.

The minister noted that the relationship between Britain and Ghana was cordial and hoped it would be further strengthened.

Colonel Roger Felli, commissioner for foreign affairs, who hosted the luncheon, told the minister that Ghana appreciates the interest the British Government shows in the development of the country.

Col Felli said Ghana expected the sympathy and help of Britain in solving her problems.

The foreign commissioner appealed to the external organs like the British Broadcasting Corporation to assist Ghana to solve her problems instead of aggravating them.

"With the co-operation existing between the two high commissions, we hope to see a bond of friendship that would lead to a closer co-operation in the settlement of the Rhodesian and Namibian crises," he added.

IVORY COAST

ZAIRIAN PRESIDENT MOBUTU MAKES OFFICIAL VISIT

PA092145Y Paris AFP in French 1824 GMT 9 Feb 78 PA

[Text] Abidjan, 9 Feb (AFP)--Reliable sources reported today that Presidents Felix Houphouet-Boigny and Mobutu Sese Seko will hold their first meeting here tomorrow morning. They will discuss Africa's present problems. The Zairian chief of state said on his arrival here Thursday at noon that "President Houphouet-Boigny and I concur in our viewpoints on the problems of South Africa, the Horn of Africa and Western Sahara."

He added that his visits to the FRG, Belgium, France and Morocco had been "very fruitful."

He said: "I will relate my impressions to President Houphouet-Boigny."

President Mobutu also said that his brief visit to Abidjan is in line with the friendly relations and fraternity which, according to him, "have not ceased to be strengthened since I assumed power."

President Mobutu's visit to the Ivory Coast also includes a dinner at the presidential palace on Thursday and a trip Saturday morning to Yamoussoukro in central Ivory Coast together with his host, who was born there 73 years ago.

The Zairian chief of state's date of departure from Abidjan has not yet been reported officially. Reliable sources claim that the visit will last 4 days.

It was recalled that President Mobutu had acted as host to President Houphouet-Boigny in 1968, 1973 and 1977.

ANGOLA

PRIME MINISTER RETURNS FROM GDR, ROMANIA

LD091656Y Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0600 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] The prime minister, Comrade Lopo do Nascimento, returned home yesterday from Romania and the GDR, with whose leaders he discussed various aspects of bilateral cooperation and major world political issues.

Among the facts announced by Comrade Lopo do Nascimento to journalists at the airport, we pick out the signing of agreements with Romania and the granting of credit of $75 million and an agreement between the [word indistinct] and the MPLA-Labor Party for the period 1978-79.

RHODESIA

SALISBURY: SETTLEMENT TALKS REACH STALEMATE

LD091450Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] Observers in Salisbury say that little progress has been made in the last (?two) sessions of the constitutional talks, which are to resume at 1430 this afternoon at the government training center in Salisbury. The stalemate has arisen over the rejection (on the part of) Bishop Muzorewa of the UANC [United African National Council] of a separate voters role for the election of the 28 white seats in the proposed parliament. [passage indistinct]

The other three parties to the talks, the government, ANC-Sithole [African National Council--Sithole faction] and ZUPO [Zimbabwe United Peoples Organization] have agreed to the separate role, and there have been accusations that Bishop Muzorewa has gone back on understandings given in previous meetings. Today's (?conference) will probably amount to a plenary session, and many political commentators, while acknowledging the possibility of a walkout, say that no single delegation would like to be seen as the cause of ending the talks.

Smith: No Great Progress

LD101054Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Ian Smith, says that no great progress was made today at the 32d session of the constitutional talks being held in Salisbury. Speaking to newsmen after more than 2 1/2 hours of talks at the government training center, Mr Smith said that he was hopeful and held out some promise of finality next week. The prime minister was accompanied at the talks by the minister of justice, Mr Hilary Squires, and government legal advisers.

Leaders of the black delegations, UANC [United African National Council], ANC-(Sithole) [African National Council--Sithole faction] and ZUPO [Zimbabwe United Peoples Organization] were also supported by their deputies and legal advisers. The talks resume tomorrow, but the prime minister will not attend, as he will be at a commissioning parade at the school of infantry, Gwelo.

Sithole: Room for Hope

LD101056Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1613 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Excerpt] The 32d session of the constitutional talks was held at the government training center in Salisbury this afternoon. The 2 1/2 hour session was said to be lively at times, and there was no indication that Bishop Muzorewa had moved away from his stand that the 28 white seats would have to be elected from a common roll or that the white seats should be dropped to 20 elected on a separate roll. Heads of the four delegations were accompanied by their deputies and legal advisers. The Rev Ndabaningi Sithole told newsmen that the talks went fine, and that there is room for hope.

TERRORIST, SECURITY FORCE ACTIONS REPORTED

LD101052Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] A Combined Operations Headquarters communique reports the death of Cpl (Simon McEwan, aged 19 and single from Chiredzi, as a result of wounds received in action. He was educated at St George's College, Salisbury. His next of kin have been informed. Security forces have killed five terrorists and four terrorist collaborators. Terrorists have killed a tribeswoman in the northeast operational area.

At 6:45 pm on Sunday, February 5, a terrorist gang stopped a transport vehicle which was travelling from Bulawayo to Beitbridge on the main road in the Mtetengwe tribal trust land. Mr (John Kennedy), aged 17, from Beitbridge, who was hitchhiking in the vehicle, was abducted by the terrorists after they had robbed the black driver of his personal possessions.

On February 6 at 11:45 pm, security forces patrolling in a tribal trust land in the southeast operation area came under fire from a terrorist gang within a village complex. In the ensuing fight, 2 terrorists and 17 tribespeople were killed. Three people were wounded and were taken to hospital by the security forces.

At 11 pm on the night of February 7, a railway house in the southwest operational area was attacked by a terrorist gang. The occupant, Mr (Henry Richard McNeil), aged 55, suffered gunshot wounds and was admitted to hospital where his condition has been described by a hospital spokesman as satisfactory. Security forces reacted to the attack and two terrorists have been killed.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR WAR COSTS DUE NEXT WEEK

LD101046Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] The minister of justice and of law and order, Mr Squires, said today a supplementary budget will be presented when the House of Assembly resumes sitting next week to cover the increased cost of the terrorist war. The minister said in an interview that supplementary estimates would be tabled by the minister of finance, Mr David Smith, and that a supplementary budget would be introduced later. He said he could not disclose details of the estimates or the proposed budgetary measures, but he expected they would cover increases in the vote for the police and other sectors of the war economy.

SOUTH AFRICA

DEFENSE MINISTER DENIES HARBORING GUERRILLAS

LD091004Y Johannesburg International Service in English 0400 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD

[Text] The spokesman for the South Africa defense headquarters in Pretoria says the defense minister, Mr P.W. Botha, has stated repeatedly that South Africa has not attacked and does not plan to attack neighboring countries and she does not harbor terrorists. The spokesman was commenting on an Angolan complaint to the United Nations that South Africa had violated Angola's territorial integrity and was harboring so-called puppets who infiltrated Angola to pillage and kill.

BOTHA SPEAKS ON NAMIBIA BEFORE NEW YORK TALKS

LD101130Y Pretoria DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION in English 1000 GMT 10 Feb 78 LD

[Text] Johannesburg--Discussions on the future of South-West Africa/Namibia could not continue for much longer, the minister of foreign affairs, Mr Pik Botha, said here last night. Speaking at Jan Smuts Airport on his departure for New York, Mr Botha said agreement had to a large extent been reached on those issues which required consent.

Mr Botha is to hold ministerial level talks on South-West Africa/Namibia with his Western counterparts in New York this weekend. "The number of remaining matters are not so many that they cannot be fully canvassed now," he said.

"In that sense one can say that the end of the road has been reached as far as the matters under discussion are concerned--and there are no new ones. The possible difference of opinion between the various parties will now crystalize, hopefully to a clear final point in that sense and then we will have to decide whether we still have to deal with insurmountable differences of opinion or not."

Mr Botha emphasised, however, that there was not much time left for bridging the gap because the South African Government had committed itself to independence for South-West Africa/Namibia by the end of the year.

"That is our position and if we have to talk much longer now we will not reach that goal. Then we have the danger of increasing terrorism and the danger of an increasing degree of political disintegration in the area. We want to bring matters to a head in South-West Africa. We want to have our word. We want to prove our honour. We want to show we sincerely believe that the people in South-West Africa themselves can think out their own solution. We want to prove that our policy of nonalignment toward the internal political solution is true. We do not prescribe to them. The people can decide on any policy they wish to."

MORE DELEGATIONS TO ATTEND NEW YORK TALKS

LD101216Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1100 GMT 10 Feb 78 LD

[Text] Three more South-West African political groups have announced that they will have delegations in New York during the foreign ministers conference on the territory's future this week. They are the Namibia National Front, which will be sending a five member delegation tomorrow, the South-West African Federal Party, whose three-member delegation left yesterday, and the Namibia Young Pioneers, whose two leaders leave Windhoek this evening.

The Namibia National Front's delegation will be led by its vice president, Mr Gershon Veii, and once in New York is expected to join up with the South-West African National Union representative. The Federal Party delegation will be headed by the party leader, Advocate Bryan O'linn, while the Namibia Young Pioneers' delegation will consist of Mr Mburumba Kerina and Mr (?Paul Helmuth). This brings the number of South-West African groups to be represented in New York to seven.

ISRAELI MINISTER EHRLICH SIGNS TRADE AGREEMENT

TA101247 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1105 GMT 10 Feb 78 TA

[From the midday newsreel]

[Text] The minister of finance, Simha Ehrlich, and the South African Minister of finance, Owen Horwood, signed an agreement less than an hour ago that prevents double taxation and issued a joint communique to conclude their talks in Cape Town. Both Ehrlich and his counterpart described the talks as most successful and stressed that they were the foundations for a mutual rapprochement. (begin recording)

[Ehrlich] We have just now signed, the South African minister of finance and I, an agreement to prevent double taxation and an economic agreement which consists of three sections: one on investments, one on bonds-- and this is the first time in the history of South Africa that we are now starting with bonds--and one on commerical relations between the two countries. I can point out with satisfaction that we have achieved far-reaching gains in our talks with the government of South Africa. [end recording]

ZAMBIA

CHONA RECEIVES UN OFFICIAL, VIEWS REFUGEE ISSUE

LD081500Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 7 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] The prime minister Mr Mainza Chona, said today Zambia will always remain in a strong base for both freedom fighters and refugees running away from racial prosecution until all bastions of imperialism are shashed.

Speaking in his office at the National Assembly, when the visiting UN high commissioner for refugees, Mr Poul Hartling, paid a courtesey call on him, Mr Chona said until Zimbabwe and Namibia attain independence, Zambia will not stop harboring refugees.

He said the refugee problem was not only humanitarian to the international community, but it was also a personal task which has to be tackled correctly because every human being is a potential candidate for refugee status.

The prime minister said, however, that he was optimistic that when Zimbabwe and Namibia become independent, all refugees in Zambia will return to their respective countries.

In reply, Mr Hartling thanked the Zambian Government for the hospitaltiy shown to him and his delegation and the cooperation given to the commission for refugees in its efforts to improve the conditions of displaced people.

MINISTER RECEIVES UK ENVOY, DISCUSSES RHODESIA

LD081326Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 7 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Siteke Mwale today assured Britain that the hardline stand taken by Zambia over the Rhodesian problem did not mean hatred for the British people. On the contrary, he said, relations between the two countries still remain good in bilateral and economic fields. Dr Mwale made the remarks during a farewell luncheon he hosted at Hotel Intercontinental in honor of the outgoing British high commissioner to Zambia, Mr Stephen Miles, who is leaving the country after more than 3 years stay.

The foreign minister told the guests, who included his minister of state, Mr Greenwood Silwizya, and several government and British Embassy officials, that Zambia's position has always been hard during discussions with the British because she believed that she had done her best to bring about a solution to the protracted Rhodesian independence issue.

Dr Mwale said Zambia's stand has been taken in good spirit, because we both belong to the same organiration, the Commonwealth. He pointed out that rebel leader Ian Smith was holding [words indistinct] for failing to hand over power to the African majority in Rhodesia, and added that he had so many chances to do so but had thrown all of them out.

Addressing the high commissioner in particular, Dr Mwale praised him for his understanding and tolerance during the discussions the government had held with him while here. He assured the envoy that although many problems still remained unsolved, Mr Miles had fulfilled his obligations and wished him the best of luck in his new assignment.

In reply, Mr Miles told the minister that his government appreciated the initiative Zambia had taken to solve the Rhodesian problem and pointed out that Zambia has contributed a lot toward the convening of the Victoria Falls talks and the Geneva conference on Rhodesia. Mr Miles noted that although the solution has not been found yet, every party concerned should not spare their efforts until success is achieved. He said the same (?position) should continue to be applied to the Namibian situation, where his country and four other Western countries were currently engaged in finding a solution to bring about independence to the racist-occupied territory.

Mr Miles has been moved to Bangladesh in the same capacity, while the former British deputy high commissioner in New Delhi, Leonard Allinson, comes to Lusaka to take over from him.

MWALE RECEIVES UN OFFICIAL, PERUVIAN ENVOY

LD081012Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 6 Feb 78 LD/EA

[Text] The minister of foreign affairs, Dr Siteke Mwale, said in Lusaka today that the government will continue giving assistance to refugees seeking some help in Zambia, in spite of the overwhelming economic problems confronting the country. The minister said this when he met the visiting UN high commissioner for refugees, Mr Poul Hartling, in his office.

Dr Mwale told Mr Hartling that though the refugee problem is a complex and expensive task for any nation or organization to tackle confidently, Zambia will never abandon her (?role) to the international community in preference to selfish interests.

In reply, Mr Hartling said it should be the duty of all states in the international community to share the heavy responsibilities of looking after refugees. He said it would be very unfair to leave Zambia on its own to solve the problems and pressures put on its resources by the movement of refugees from neighboring countries. Mr Hartling praised the government for looking after a big number of refugees without forcing them to leave.

Meanwhile, Dr Mwale today praised the outgoing Peruvian charge d'affaires to Zambia, Mr (James Castro Mendevio), for his outstanding work in enhancing the relations between Zambia and Peru. Dr Mwale told the envoy that Zambia had no complaints to make over the relations between the two countries, which, he said, share the same positions in many major international issues and domestic affairs.

Mr (Castro Mendevio) is returning home after 3 years stay in Zambia, following his government's decision to close down the mission here temporarily. The Peruvian envoy praised Zambia's philosophy of humanism, pointing out that his country shared the same ideals as those enshrined in the philosophy.

LUSAKA DENIES RHODESIAN TROOPS KILLED FIGHTERS

LD091452Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 1115 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] A government spokesman has denied reports circulating in the foreign press that rebel Rhodesian troops entered Zambian territory last week and killed 50 freedom fighters belonging to the Patriotic Front. The spokesman, who said the reports are a tissue of lies, said the reports are intended as psychological warfare to boost the sagging morale of the Rhodesian racists, who are experiencing defeat from freedom fighters within Zimbabwe almost every day. The spokesman added that freedom fighters will never be intimidated by such cheap propaganda.

ADN: NKOMO PRAISES EAST GERMAN ASSISTANCE

LD081642Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1420 GMT 8 Feb 78 LD

[Text] Lusaka--The president of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union and copresident of the Patriotic Front, Joshua Nkomo, praised on Wednesday in Lusaka the GDR's assistance for the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples of southern Africa. The African People's Union, he said, regards the Soviet Union, the GDR and the other socialist countries as its closest allies. Nkomo was speaking in connection with the visit of Kurt Krueger, general secretary of the GDR Solidarity Committee, to Lusaka.

The member of the Central Committee of the United National Independence Party, Rueben Kamanga, expressed the same sentiments. He described the aid of friendly countries for the liberation struggle in southern Africa as a real contribution in the fight against imperialism, colonialism and neocolonialism. He said other countries should also support the progressive forces in southern Africa.

KRUEGER HOLDS TALKS IN LUSAKA WITH NKOMO, OTHERS

LD072220Y East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1818 GMT 7 Feb 78 LD

[Text] Lusaka--Kurt Krueger, general secretary of the GDR Solidarity Committee, had talks in Lusaka today with Joshua Nkomo, president of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), Alfred Nzo, the general secretary of the African National Congress (ANC) of South Africa, and leading representatives of the South-West African Peoples Organization (SWAPO) of Namibia.

Joshua Nkomo gave an account of the intensified struggle of Zimbabwe's patriotic forces against the racist Smith regime. He vigorously attacked the imperialist countries which support the Salisbury regime in violation of the UN embargo resolutions. Over 11,000 mercenaries from the United States, Britain, South Africa and Israel have taken part in terror operations by the Smith forces against the African people of Zimbabwe. But with the assistance of the socialist states and the world's progressive forces, the people of Zimbabwe would bring its just struggle to a successful conclusion.

In earlier talks, Alfred Nzo, the ANC general secretary, and personages of the Namibian liberation organization, had expressed their appreciation of the GDR's anti-imperialist solidarity in equally cordial terms.

MINISTER REPORTS DANGER OF CHOLERA EPIDEMIC

LD060954Y Lusaka Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 3 Feb 78 LD/CA

[Text] Zambia faces a real threat of a cholera outbreak following reports that the disease is spreading towards the country's borders from infected neighboring countries. Mr Mwananshiku [Zambian health minister] said the government was worried about cholera outbreak in neighboring countries and has launched emergency measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic in Zambia from infected countries where it is reported to have claimed many lives.

He said his ministry had already sent surveillance teams to strategic border posts to check cholera outbreak [words indistinct] ministerial statement, that (?statutory) provisions to control the movement of people between Zambia and infected areas had already been issued. He said [words indistinct] issued on November the 7th last year provided that any persons coming to Zambia from a country infected with cholera should not be allowed to enter the country unless he or she produced evidence of valid vaccination against cholera.

He said the notice also provided that any person who develops diarrhea within 24 hours of his arrival in Zambia shall report to the nearest health center. Mr Mwananshiku also assured the house (?that his ministry was holding) enough drugs and intravenous foods to combat a cholera attack, and added that additional orders for drugs had been placed and should soon arrive in the country.

BRIEFS

ETHIOPIA ARMS FARMERS--The day before yesterday, Provisional Military Administrative Council member assigned to Gondar armed 300 defense squad members drawn from 153 farmers associations in the Chilga District of the Gondar Administrative Region who had completed military and political training. [Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 0500 GMT 6 Feb 78 LD/EA]

YOUTHS ALLOWED TO RETURN--In the Koba Koricho District of Habro Province 11 youths who had been recruited by agents of the Mogadiscio regime to undergo military training in Somalia have repented and have been allowed to resume a normal life. The repentant youths brought with them the arms which they had been given by the enemy for subversion and sabotage in Ethiopia. The arms included automatic rifles, hand grenades and large quantities of ammunition. [Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 0500 GMT 6 Feb 78 LD/EA]

CSSR LOAN FOR ETHIOPIA--A Finance Ministry spokesman today disclosed that according to an agreement signed in Prague by Finance Minister Tefera Wolde-Semayat and Czechoslovak Foreign Trade Minister Andrej Barcak, Czechoslovakia has granted a 93 million birr loan to Ethiopia for the modernization, expansion and establishment of several industries. Five percent of the loan is a grant, while the remaining 95 percent will be repaid over 15 years with a 3-year grace period, interest accruing at 2.5 percent. [Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 4 Feb 78 LD/EA]

NEW AMBASSADORS TO GHANA--Accra, Feb 7, GNA--The Ghanaian Government has accepted the appointments of Mr Dayi Zekpa, and Mr Aarno Kullerno Arola as Togolese and Finnish ambassadors respectively to Ghana. A Foreign Ministry statement said today that the Finnish ambassador would reside in Lagos, Nigeria. According to the statement, Mr Zekpa, 46, until his new appointment, served in various capacities in the Togolese Government service, while Mr Arola, 64, is currently his country's ambassador to Nigeria. [Text] [Accra GNA in English 1600 GMT 7 Feb 78 LD]

HIGH COMMISSIONERS TO GHANA--Accra, Feb 3, GNA--Ghanaian State General Kutu Acheampong today received the letters of credence of three high commissioners at Government House here. They are Mr Philipson Kamara of Sierra Leone, Mr Lyle Williams of Trinidad and Tobago and Major-General Mishoo Hagai of Tanzania. [Text] [Accra GNA in English 1150 GMT 3 Feb 78 LD]

AID TO GUINEA-BISSAU--An extensive solidarity consignment from the GDR public was handed over in Bissau on board the motorship Hiddensee by the GDR ambassador, Kurt Roth, to Jose Araujo, member of the Politburo and secretary of the African Independence Party of Portuguese Guinea and Cape Verede [PAIGC]. During the handing over of the consignment, which is made up of building materials, medicines, foodstuffs and sports goods, Araujo expressed his thanks for the support given to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde Islands and judged it to be further proof that the GDR was standing firmly at the side of the states fighting against imperialism, colonialism and racism. [Text] [East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1351 GMT 6 Feb 78 LD]

ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST--Abidjan, 4 Feb (AFP)--Louya Londoale, Zaire's new ambassador to the Ivory Coast, presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Simeon Ake yesterday. Mr Londoale succeeded Ambassador Mokolo Wa Mpombo, who has been appointed state commissioner (minister) for information. [Paris AFP in English 1346 GMT 4 Feb 78 PA]

AMBASSADOR TO MADAGASCAR--Antananarivo, 2 Feb (AFP)--President Didier Ratsiraka on Thursday, 2 February, received the credentials of Habib Boukhreis, the first ambassador of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, and of Wanweni K. Mayondi, new Zambian ambassador. [Paris AFP in French 1519 GMT 2 Feb 78 PA]

MOZAMBIQUE-ALGERIAN TRADE COOPERATION--An agreement on commercial cooperation between Mozambique and Algeria was signed in Maputo yesterday by the minister of industry and commerce, Mario da Graca Machungo, and the Algerian minister of commerce, Mohamed Yala, who earlier delivered to President Machel a personal message from President Boumediene. [Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 3 Feb 78 LD]

ALGERIAN MINISTER LEAVES MOZAMBIQUE--The Algerian minister of commerce, Mohamed Yala, left our country yesterday. [Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0800 GMT 4 Feb 78 LD/EA]

NEW NIGERIAN RADIO STATIONS--Five new broadcasting stations will be commissioned at the end of this month by the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, NBC. The stations are located in the capitals of five of the seven states created in 1976. These are Imo, Benue, Gongola, Bauchi and Niger states. Already [words indistinct] has begun with the Lagos State service of the NBC. The NBC operates services in the other states of the federation. [Text] [Lagos International Service in English 0830 GMT 4 Feb 78 LD]

EEC DELEGATION LEAVES SOMALIA--The EEC delegation led by the deputy director general of the Directorate of Development and Cooperation left Mogadiscio airport this morning. Talking to reporters before his departure, the deputy director general said that the delegation's visit had been successful and that the results of his talks with Somali leaders would be the subject of further discussions in Europe. [Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1115 GMT 3 Feb 78 LD/EA]

SOMALI, YUGOSLAV DELEGATIONS MEET--Somali Democratic Republic [SDR] leaders today began official talks with the delegation from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The talks covered matters relating to cooperation in the fields of agriculture, fisheries, commercial industries and sea transport. The talks, which will resume tomorrow, were attended for Somalia by five SDR ministers -- agriculture, fisheries, livestock, commerce and industry--and for Yugoslavia by the delegation led by Ivo Kustrak. [Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1115 GMT 4 Feb 78 LD/EA]

NEW DISTRICT IN SOMALIA--A communique from the Somali Democratic Republic [SDR] presidency yesterday disclosed that the town of Adad, in Galgudud Region, has been officially named as a district. The communique said that the creation of this new district was in line with therevolution's policy of decentralizing administration so as to enable the general public to participate in the nation's administration. It added that Galgudud Region, which was created during the revolutionary era, is now composed of the following districts: Dusamareb, Adad, El-Dere, El-Bur and Abudwaq. [Text] [Mogadiscio Domestic Service in English 1100 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD/EA]

SOUTH AFRICAN MISSILE TECHNOLOGY--The senior general manager of the South African Arms Corporation, Mr (Detar), has announced that legislation is being prepared to provide for a full affiliate of ARMSCOR in the field of missile technology. A statement released in Pretoria said that since missile technology in South Africa was established 13 years ago, the project had developed to such an extent that it could no longer be accommodated by the National Institute for Defense Research. [Text] [Johannesburg International Service in English 1600 GMT 9 Feb 78 LD]

ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN--Citizen Kimasi Matwiku has been appointed by presidential ordinance ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Zaire to the Bahrain Government with residence in Jidda. [Kinshasa AZAP in French 1700 GMT 30 Jan 78 LD]

GDR GIFT TO ZIMBABWE--Lusaka--A GDR trade unions' gift consignment has been handed over in Lusaka by Kurt Krueger, secretary general of the GDR Solidarity Committee, to representatives of the Zimbabwe Patriotic Front. On receiving the solidarity goods, which are made up in particular of medicines, textiles and blankets, Joshua Nkomo, co-president of the Patriotic Front, expressed his deep thanks for the selfless, all-round support given to the people of the Zimbabwe liberation struggle by the GDR workers. [Text] [East Berlin ADN International Service in German 1351 GMT 6 Feb 78 LD]

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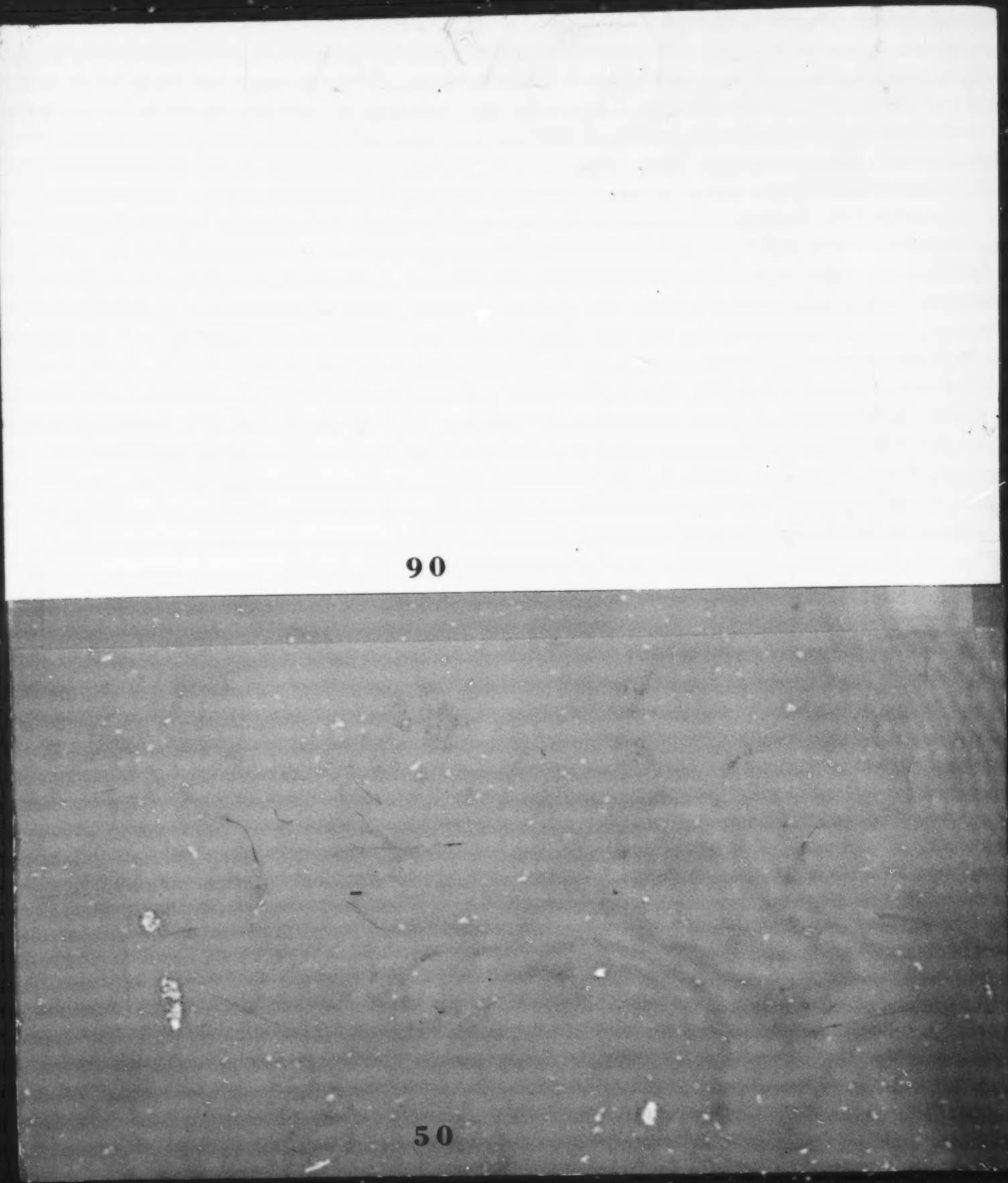
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